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I ve been an educator for thirty years and involved in technology for the same amount of time. Microsoft has always supported education in a variety of ways including favorable pricing and support for teachers. Nobody talks about how thier leadership has allowed for the integration of many software programs. This was not always the case and if they had not assumed a leadership role. I believe that we would still be fighting the battle for a standard which all software companys could write if they chose. Microsoft in some aspects has become similiar to a public utility. You want the assurance of compatability and reliability that is not a given if you dont have a leader.